

Appl. No. 10/668,724  
Response to Office Action mailed July 21, 2005

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### **REMARKS**

#### **Election of Species**

The Office Action entered an election requirement between the following patentably distinct species: Specie 1 includes figure 2 and Specie 2 includes figure 11. The Office Action states that claim 1 is generic.

In response, Applicants elect Specie 1 which includes figure 2. Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are readable on at least Specie 1.

#### **Preliminary Amendment**

Claims 2, 5 and 6 are being amended as a preliminary amendment. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed and do not include new matter. The amendments are being made to clarify the claimed invention and not for substantial reasons related to patentability.

### **CONCLUSION**

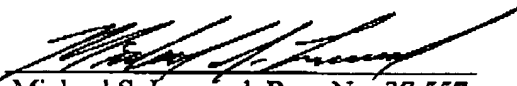
Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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